



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID L. BUTTRICK

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel David L. Buttrick is currently assigned as Wing Chaplain, 6 Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He is responsible for the total chapel program, providing for the free exercise of religion through worship opportunities and pastoral care to over 17,000 active duty, Department of Defense civilians, and their families. He also serves as advisor to the 6 Air Mobility Wing Commander on spiritual, moral, quality of life, and morale issues.



Chaplain Buttrick first entered military service in the enlisted ranks in 1979 as a Recreation Specialist. He was commissioned in 1989 as a Chaplain Candidate in the Army Reserves. Upon graduation from seminary, he served as pastor of several different parishes. He resigned his Army Reserve commission and joined the Air National Guard in 1994, serving as Unit Chaplain for the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont. He entered active duty in the Air Force in 1996. He has served as a Protestant, Flight Line and Hospital Chaplain. While serving at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico he was deployed to Haiti and served as Support Group Chaplain for Operation Support Democracy-Haiti. After assignment to Japan, he served in the Special Ops world deploying throughout the Pacific region, supporting troops deployed to the Philippines for Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. He was then assigned to the USAF Survival School providing ministry in austere environments for three years. Prior to his assignment to MacDill AFB, he served as Installation Chaplain at Geilenkirchen, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Air Base, Germany. Since arriving at MacDill AFB he has deployed as Deputy Command Chaplain to JTF/GTMO SOUTHCOM, Guantanamo Bay Cuba.

EDUCATION

- 1977 High School, Spaulding High School, Rochester, NH
- 1986 Bachelor of Arts in Theology/Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Atlantic Union College, S. Lancaster, MA
- 1991 Master of Divinity degree, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI
- 1997 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2000 Clinical Pastoral Education, Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, DC
- 2007 Air Command Staff College, (In- Residence) Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Air War College, (Correspondence) Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 1979-Dec 1981, Morale, Welfare, & Recreation Specialist, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL
2. Dec 1981-Feb 1983, Morale, Welfare, & Recreation Specialist, 509th Composite Support Group, Pease AFB, NH
3. Jan 1989-Jun 1993, Chaplain Candidate, US Army Reserve Personnel Center, Saint Louis, MO
4. Jun 1995-Sep 1996, Protestant Chaplain, 158th Fighter Wing, Vermont Air National Guard
5. Oct 1996-May 1999, Protestant Chaplain, 377th Air Base Wing Kirtland AFB, NM

6. Jun 1999-Jun 2000, Clinical Pastoral Education, Walter Reed Medical Center
7. Jul 2000-Jun 2003, Flight Line/Parish Chaplain, 18th Fighter Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
8. Jul 2003-Jul 2006, SERE Chaplain-USAF Survival School, 336th Training Group, Fairchild AB, WA
9. Jul 2006-Jun 2007, Air Command Staff College—Student, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. Jun 2007-Jun 2010, Installation Chaplain-Geilenkirchen, 470th Air Base Squadron NATO AB, Germany
11. June 2010-Present, Wing Chaplain, 6 Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one Device
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one Device
 Outstanding Unit Award with two Devices
 Air Force Good Conduct Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with one Device
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and four Devices
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with one Device
 Air Force Longevity Service Award with two Devices
 Basic Military Training Honor Graduate
 Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Jan 6, 1989 (USAR)
First Lieutenant	Jan 6, 1991 (USAR)
First Lieutenant	Jun 4, 1995 (ANG)
Captain	May 5, 1996 (Active Duty AF)
Major	Mar 1, 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	Aug 1, 2011

(Current as of May 2013)